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1. The Rikardo Bencic Enterprise in Rijeka has moved from its old premises and is now located on the site of the former tobacco factory across from the main Rijeka railroad station. The enterprise has recently put into production the manufacture of platforms for anti-aircraft guns and shafts and propellers for torpedo boats. Shafts and propellers are forwarded mainly to the Korcula shipyard, and a certain portion is also shipped to the Alexander Rankovic Factory. Both of the latter enterprises provide the final installation and armament for torpedo boats. Three shafts and three propellers are manufactured for each torpedo boat. Between 450 and 500 workers were employed in October 1950 working in one shift. Factory officials include an unknown Lt. Colonel, the General Director; Commercial Director Milenko Bokic, a non-Communist, and Chief Engineer Filaus, who is an outstanding Titoist.
2. The Svjetlost (The Light) Enterprise in Rijeka is lodged in those buildings formerly occupied by the Rikardo Bencic Enterprise. Administered by the General Directorate of Industry for Ships Machinery, it is considered a military enterprise. The factory produces such electric equipment for ships as switches, fuses, spools, et cetera, but it does not produce generators. Approximately 350 Yugoslav workers are employed in a single shift. Factory officials include the Director, Lt. Colonel Mate Mestrovic, a former Partisan and a Titoist, and Commercial Director Josip Suljina, a non-Communist.

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